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Powers Returns To Lockheed as U-2 Test Pilot

BURBANK, Calif (AP).

Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 pilot captured by the Russians and convicted as a spy, is back flying U-2s again—as a test pilot.

He has quit the Central Intelligence Agency and taken a job with Lockheed Aircraft Corp., which makes the high-flying U-2 camera planes.

He joined two weeks ago as an engineering test pilot, a Lockheed spokesman confirmed. The CIA said Mr. Powers resigned Oct. 6 because "he had finished his work with us."

Mr. Powers was not available for comment.

His U-2 crashed while flying over Russia on May 1, 1960. He parachuted to safety, was captured and convicted of spying. He was freed last Feb. 10 in an exchange for Rudolf Abel, a Russian spy imprisoned in the United States. He was a test pilot for Lockheed before joining the CIA.